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RE: Request Form for Examiner Interview Enclosed

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/326,163 First Named Applicant: CHARLES WU
 Examiner: ANDREW CALDWELL Art Unit: 2151 Status of Application: ACTIVE

Tentative Participants:

(1) ANDREW CALDWELL - EXAMINER (2) MARK FARRELL - ATTY FOR APPLICANT

(3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 3/22/04 Proposed Time: 1:30 ^{OR 4:30 PM?} (AM/PM) E.T.

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

OR EXAMINER'S
CHOICE OF
DATE/TIME

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: AMENDED CLAIM 1 (PROPOSED)

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art HAWKWS+HARARI+	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJ.</u>	<u>CLAIM 1</u>	<u>FORWARD+LOGICAL REAS.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

SEE PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIM 1 (ATTACHED). REFERENCES CITED BY
EXAMINER ARE NOT DIRECTED TO THE PROBLEM OF OBJECT DELETION DURING
SYNCHRONIZATION. DELETION IDEA MOVED FROM PREAMBLE TO BODY OF PROPOSED CLAIM 1.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Mark C. Farrell - LEE & HAYES PLLC

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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Proposed Claim 1.

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This proposed claim 1 moves context of the subject matter, i.e., "preventing object deletion during synchronization processes that cause such deletion" from preamble to body. This should add clarity, if further clarity is needed.

Please note that the references cited as 103(a) prior art in the Office Actions address the idea of synchronization generally but not do not address the problem solved by Applicant's subject matter, namely the problem of object deletion during a type of synchronization that specifically deletes an object from a first device if a corresponding object is missing from a second device. In other words, the cited references appear to speak to a different context than Applicant's subject matter, they do not appear to relevantly apply to Applicant's subject matter.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of synchronizing objects in a first device and a second device having a plurality of storage volumes, wherein the second device occasionally deletes objects stored in one or more of the plurality of storage volumes during synchronization when the first device cannot access the one or more storage volumes, the method comprising:~~

~~identifying one or more storage volumes of the plurality of storage volumes as currently accessible to a the first device, wherein the storage volumes store objects;~~

based on the identification of storage volumes currently accessible to the first device, identifying objects subject to deletion from a second device during a synchronization process between the first device and the second device in which the second device will delete an object stored on the second device if a corresponding object stored on the first device is in a storage volume that is inaccessible to the first device;

preventing deletion of the objects subject to deletion during the synchronization process; and

synchronizing only objects contained in the ~~one or more identified~~ storage volumes currently accessible to the first device.

Clean Version:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

identifying storage volumes currently accessible to a first device, wherein the storage volumes store objects;

based on the identification of storage volumes currently accessible to the first device, identifying objects subject to deletion from a second device during a synchronization process between the first device and the second device in which the second device will delete an object stored on the second device if a corresponding object stored on the first device is in a storage volume that is inaccessible to the first device;

preventing deletion of the objects subject to deletion during the synchronization process; and

synchronizing only objects contained in the storage volumes currently accessible to the first device.